Listing of the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales system ~~that is connected with a user computer in a communicable manner and is used when a user purchases a commodity and trades in a used personal computer, said commodity sales system~~ comprising:

at least one server computer, the at least one server computer ~~including~~ including:

a memory system;

a commodity price specification module that includes computer programs stored in the memory system for receiving ~~receives~~ a purchase request of a selected commodity from the user computer and ~~specifies~~ for specifying a commodity price of the selected commodity;

a storage module that stores a component price table including both a maximum trade-in price and a minimum trade-in price corresponding to each component included in a used personal computer;

a maximum/minimum price determination module ~~that,~~ including:

computer programs in the memory system for receiving ~~when~~ a trade-in request of a used personal computer and component information regarding each of components included in the used personal computer ~~are received~~ from the user ~~computer,~~computer;
~~reads out~~

computer programs in the memory system for outputting a maximum trade-in price and a minimum trade-in price corresponding to each of the components based on the received component information from the component price ~~table,~~ table; and ~~determines~~

computer programs in the memory system for determining a maximum price of the used personal computer as a sum of the maximum trade-in prices of the components and a minimum price of the used personal computer as a sum of the minimum trade-in prices of the components;

a tentative quote setting module <u>including computer programs in the</u> <u>memory system for setting</u>~~that sets~~ the minimum price determined by the maximum/minimum price determination module to a tentative quote of the used personal computer;

a deduction setting module <u>including:</u>

<u>computer programs in the memory system for requiring</u>~~that,~~ <u>an</u> <u>assessment of the used personal computer</u> when the tentative quote exceeds a first reference value, ~~determines that an assessment of the used personal~~ ~~computer is required~~ upon receipt of the used personal computer by the commodity sales system to determine a final trade-in price of the used personal ~~computer~~ <u>computer;</u> and

<u>computer programs in the memory system for setting</u>~~sets~~ the minimum price of the used personal computer to a deduction of the selected commodity, which is to be subtracted from a specified price of the commodity,
<u>a sub-module including:</u>

<u>computer programs in the memory system for determining an</u> <u>assessment of the used personal computer is not required</u> when the tentative quote is not greater than the first reference value but exceeds a second reference value which is smaller than the first reference ~~value, determines that~~ ~~the assessment is not required~~<u>value;</u> and

<u>computer programs in the memory system for setting</u>~~sets~~ the tentative quote of the used computer to the deduction of the ~~commodity,~~<u>commodity;</u> ~~and~~
<u>a sub-module including:</u>

<u>computer programs in the memory system for determining an</u> <u>assessment of the used personal computer is not required</u> when the tentative quote is not greater than the second reference ~~value, determines that the~~ ~~assessment is not required~~<u>value;</u> and

<u>computer programs in the memory system for setting</u>~~sets~~ a preset fixed price, which does not depend upon the tentative quote, to the deduction of the commodity; and
an amount payable notification module ~~that~~ <u>including:</u>

computer programs in the memory system for subtracting~~subtracts~~ the setting of the deduction from the specified price of the selected commodity to calculate a ~~difference~~ difference; ~~and~~

computer programs in the memory system for notifying~~notifies~~ the user computer of the calculated difference as an amount ~~payable,~~ payable; and

computer programs in the memory system for notifying the user computer of the maximum price and the minimum price of the used personal computer ~~wherein the amount payable notification module,~~ when the tentative quote exceeds the first reference value~~, further notifies the user computer of the maximum price and the minimum price of the used personal computer~~, including notifying~~and notifies~~ that, if the final trade-in price of the used personal computer determined after the assessment exceeds the minimum price, an amount of difference between the final trade-in price and the minimum price is to be refunded to the user.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said deduction setting module computer programs in the memory system for setting~~sets~~ the deduction to be not less than a preset support price.

Claims 3-6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said deduction setting module~~, in the case where said quote determination module determines trade-in quotes of multiple used articles,~~ includes computer programs in the memory system for setting~~sets~~ a total deduction of the selected commodity, which is to be subtracted from the specified commodity price of the selected commodity, according to a sum of the trade-in quotes of the multiple used articles or a sum of deductions set for the respective used articles.

Claims 8 and 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales method that is carried out when a user purchases a selected commodity and trades in a used personal computer, said commodity sales method comprising the steps of:

(a) ~~causing a server computer to receive~~ receiving a purchase request of a selected commodity in a server computer, the purchase request being received from the user computer and ~~specify~~ the purchase request specifying a commodity price of the selected commodity;

(b) ~~causing the server computer to receive~~ receiving a trade-in request of a used personal computer and component information regarding each component included in the used personal computer in a server computer, the purchase request being received from the user computer, the trade-in request including:

a reference ~~to refer~~ to a component price table ~~including,~~ the component price table including:

both a maximum trade-in price and a minimum trade-in price corresponding to each component included in the used ~~a used~~ personal ~~computer and~~ computer; ~~read out~~

(c) output a maximum trade-in price and a minimum trade-in price corresponding to each of the components based on the received component information from the component price ~~table, and to determine~~ table;

(d) determining a maximum price of the used personal computer as a sum of the maximum trade-in prices of the components and a minimum price of the used personal computer as a sum of the minimum trade-in prices of the components;

~~(e) causing the server computer to set~~ (e) setting the minimum price determined in said ~~step (b)~~ step (d) to a tentative quote of the used personal computer;

~~(d) causing the server computer to,~~ (f) when the tentative quote exceeds a first reference value, ~~determine that~~ requiring an assessment of the used personal computer is ~~required~~ upon receipt of the used personal computer by the commodity sales system the assessment including:

determining ~~to determine~~ a final trade-in price of the used personal ~~computer~~ computer; and

setting ~~set~~ the minimum price of the used personal computer to a deduction of the selected commodity, which is to be subtracted from a specified price of the ~~commodity,~~ commodity;

(g) when the tentative quote is not greater than the first reference value but exceeds a second reference value which is smaller than the first reference value, ~~determine~~ determining that the assessment of the used personal computer is not

required and settings~~et~~ the tentative quote of the used computer to the deduction of the commodity, and

(h) when the tentative quote is not greater than the second reference value, ~~determine~~ determining that the assessment of the used personal computer is not required and settings~~et~~ a preset fixed price, which does not depend upon the tentative quote, to the deduction of the commodity; and

~~(e) causing the server computer to subtract~~ (i) subtracting the setting of the deduction from the specified price of the selected commodity to calculate a ~~difference and notify~~ difference;

(j) notifying the user computer of the calculated difference as an amount payable~~,~~

~~wherein said step (e),~~ including:

when the tentative quote exceeds the first reference value, notifying the user computer of the calculated difference as an amount payable includes nitifying~~causes the server computer to further notify~~ the user computer of the maximum price and the minimum price of the used personal ~~computer,~~ computer; and

notifying the user computer ~~notify~~ that, if the final trade-in price of the used personal computer determined after the assessment exceeds the minimum price, an amount of difference between the final trade-in price and the minimum price is to be refunded to the user.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales method in accordance with claim 10, wherein setting the minimum price of the used personal computer to a deduction of the selected commodity includes ~~said step (d) sets~~ setting the deduction to be not less than a preset support price.

Claims 12-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales method in accordance with claim 10, wherein said setting the minimum price of the used personal computer to a deduction of the selected commodity, which is to be subtracted from a specified price of the commodity includes setting ~~step (d), in the case where said step (b) determines trade-in quotes of multiple used articles, sets~~ a total deduction of the selected

commodity, which is to be subtracted from the specified commodity price of the selected commodity, according to a sum of the trade-in quotes of the multiple used articles or a sum of deductions set for the respective used articles.

Claims 17-32 (Canceled).